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Amendments to the drawings:

Please replace all originally filed sheets of drawings with the attached replacement sheets 1-9.

The attached sheet 2 of replacement drawings includes changes to FIG. 3. In FIG. 3, previously omitted reference numerals 340 and 504 have been added. Also, in FIG. 3, previously included reference numerals 152, 294, 302 and 304 have been deleted.

The attached sheet 3 of replacement drawings includes a change to FIG. 4. In FIG. 4, previously included reference numeral 160 has been deleted.

The attached sheet 5 of replacement drawings includes changes to FIG. 6. In FIG. 6, previously included reference numeral 151 has been corrected to reference numeral 141. Also, in FIG. 6, previously included reference numeral 160 has been corrected to reference numeral 162.

The attached sheet 6 of replacement drawings includes changes to FIG. 7. In FIG. 7, previously included reference numerals 152, 250, 260, 262, 264 and 294 have been deleted.

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 26 are in the case.

The applicants have studied the Office Action dated May 12, 2005 and have made the changes believed appropriate to place the application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

The disclosure has been objected to because of the following informalities: indefinite status of application listed at [0012] and [0023]. As noted above, the specification has been amended to update the status of the referenced applications. It is respectfully submitted that the objection to the disclosure should be withdrawn.

The drawings have been objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference sign(s) mentioned in the description: 504 [0051]; 340 [0061]; and 41 [0072]. As noted above, the drawings have been amended to include reference numerals 504 and 340. In addition, paragraph [0072] has been amended to correct the reference to 41 of FIG. 2 to 202 of FIG. 6.

The drawings have been objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include the following reference character(s) not mentioned in the description: Fig 3, items 152, 294, 302, and 304; Fig 4, item 160; Fig 6, items 160 and 151; and Fig 7, items 152, 264, 294, 250, 262, 260 and 157a. As noted above, in FIG. 3, previously included reference numerals 152, 294, 302 and 304 have been deleted. In FIG. 4, previously included reference numeral 160 has been deleted. In FIG. 6, previously included reference numeral 151 has been corrected to reference numeral 141. Also, in FIG. 6, previously included reference numeral 160 has been corrected to reference numeral 162. In FIG. 7,

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previously included reference numerals 152, 250, 260, 262, 264 and 294 have been deleted. It is respectfully submitted that the objection to the drawings should be withdrawn.

Claim 8 has been objected to due to the informality of ending the claim with a semicolon instead of a period. Correction has been made *supra*. It is respectfully submitted that the objection to claim 8 should be withdrawn.

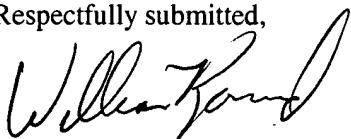
Claims 15-19 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 15 and 17 have been amended to correct the reference to the window feature as set forth above. It is respectfully submitted that the referenced window has sufficient antecedent basis. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 15-19 should be withdrawn. Also it is respectfully submitted that the amendments are made to clarify recited features and do not narrow the scope of the claimed inventions.

Applicants acknowledge with thanks the indication of allowability for claims 1-14 and 20-26. In the statement of reasons for allowance the Examiner provided various reasons for allowance. Applicant notes that the claims are directed to various combinations of features. It is respectfully submitted that the patentability of each of the allowed and allowable claims resides in the combination of features recited in that claim in addition to any features noted by the Examiner.

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In view of all of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested and allowance at an early date is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



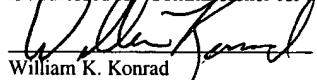
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